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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. William E. Kovacic
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Dear Mr. Kovacic:

This letter follows up on the July 7, 2004 hearing of the Government Reform Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Driving Down the Cost of Filling Up." Please respond to the enclosed followup questions for the record.

Please hand-deliver the agency's response to the Subcommittee majority staff in B-377 and the minority staff in B-350A Rayburn House Office Building not later than July 28, 2004. If you have any questions about this request, please call Subcommittee Staff Director Barbara Kahlow on 226-3058.

Sincerely,



Doug Ose
Chairman

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural
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Enclosure

cc The Honorable Tom Davis
The Honorable John Tierney

- Q1. As discussed during the hearing, the Government Accountability Office (GAO)'s recent report on petroleum mergers only investigated mergers up until 2000. Please provide a complete listing of all mergers that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has investigated since 2000 and the actions that the FTC has taken to prevent anti-competitive practices in the wake of these mergers.
- Q2. At the hearing, both GAO and the FTC agreed to work more closely with one another to resolve their differences over GAO's recent report.
- a. Have GAO and FTC set a date and time for the joint conference that was proposed?
 - b. If GAO releases its petroleum industry data, will FTC attempt to authenticate GAO's results?